

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala, and Mexico on March 8–14.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Williamson Evers to be Assistant Secretary of Education (Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development).

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Perry R. Eaton; Sonya Kelliher-Combs; Brenda L. Kingery; Julie E. Kitka; and Kristine Mary Miller.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol D'Amico, David C. Geary, and Eric Alan Hanushek to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences (Researchers).

The President announced his intention to nominate Marylyn Andrea Howe, Lonnie C. Moore, and Cynthia Allen Wainscott to be members of the National Council on Disability.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janis Herschkowitz, David George Nason, and Nguyen Van Hanh to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

The President announced his intention to appoint Vayl Oxford as Director of the Office of Domestic Nuclear Detection at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint J. David Cox, Sr., as a member of the Federal Salary Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on December 25.

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In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with Stephen F. Hayes of the *Weekly Standard*.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia to the White House on February 14.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm on November 30–December 1, 2006.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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Williamson Evers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education, vice Tom Luce, resigned.

Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, vice Susan Johnson Grant, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 3

Statement by the Press Secretary on the terrorist attack in Baghdad, Iraq

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Released February 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of Management and Budget Director Robert J. Portman on the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Released February 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Fact sheet: Balancing the Budget Without Raising Taxes

Released February 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Fact sheet: The National Parks Centennial Initiative

Released February 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: President and Mrs. Bush To Travel to Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala, and Mexico

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 188

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Released February 9

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of the Republic of Liberia

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved February 8

H.R. 188 / Public Law 110-3

To provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331